

REMARKS

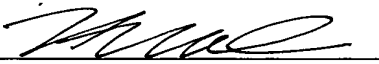
Claims 1-26 were pending. Claims 3-6, 23, and 25 were amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 8-22 were combined into a single independent claim. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 23-26 will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment. No new matter has been added.

The instant amendment is submitted solely for the purposes of reducing claims fees. The amendments are not related to any issues of patentability. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application.

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. If a telephone with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400

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